stomer No. 26308 Docket No. 9493.17285 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit: 1772 ຂຸຄີໂication of: McKnight et al. Examiner: W. Watkins III Serial No.: 09/701,948 16 March 2001 Filed: AUG 20 MBC Flexible Sheet Material and Method of Making Same For: Mail Stop RCE **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.114) This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.) **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:** 1. A. **Previously submitted** [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [] Other [] В. [x] **Enclosed** Amendment/Reply [x] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other 2. **MISCELLANEOUS** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR A. [] §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3.	EXTENSION OF TIME The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply				
		(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)			
	(a)	[x] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:			
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Fee: \$					
	If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.				
	(check and complete the next item, if applicable)				
	[]	An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.			
	Extension fee due with this request: \$ OR				
	(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this cond petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadver overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.			ne possibility that applicant has inadvertently	

FEES 4. The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any A. [x] overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360 RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) Extension of Time Fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) [x] [] Other B. **RCE Fee** [x] \$750.00 (large entity) [x] [] \$375.00 (small entity) C. Extension Fee: 110.00 [x] TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$860.00 Sumbach Patricia A. Limbach Reg. No. 50,295 (type or print name of attorney)

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